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your best judgement as to what you think the state can afford to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members. This is a lovely position to be in. I have to support the A bill and the override and dig myself my own hole for something that I have believed in forever, but I feel we have a responsibility, with the statute change, to fund it and that it should not be a backdoor deficit funding come next year. And in spite of everything that I have wanted, I'm going to be right down on 3.0 percent. And we are all going to be chastised severely for not being able to hold the line on spending, and I guess each and every one of us can individually take whatever responsibility we want to share or not to share. But I see not choice in my position here to follow the rule which mandates that we have adequate funding and it's recognized for whatever bills that we pass. And since that's the position we're in, I recommend that we pass this bill and at least recognize the funding source. It takes us down to about 143,000, above the minimum reserve, which is a blank headline to go home to, from my perspective, but I think it's the only responsible thing that we can do. I'll refrain from editorializing of what I'd like to say in terms of where it puts, at least, my thought in this body in terms of the spending. Even when we are down to 3.09 percent, we were not able to restrict ourselves to any great degree, and...but I think a rule is a rule and we have a need to recognize the need for that. So, to me, it's not a necessity whether you do or don't fund this, it's a point that if we're going to follow our own rules we have an A bill that follows, that recognizes those costs, albeit they are estimates, but I think it's something that we should do and I recommend the override on this point.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Is there any further discussion on the veto override of LB 485A? Seeing none. Senator Hudkins, to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the motion to override the veto of LB 485A. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Senator Hudkins.